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#### General and Master Class Falconers:

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) statute governing the allowed take of eyass Peregrine Falcons for Falconry (Federal Register Vol. 71, No. 35, Wednesday, February 22, 2006) expired on December 31, 2006. In addition, the 2007 UDWR application period for taking eyass raptors for Falconry closed on Feb 23 at 5:00 PM in accordance with the current Utah Falconry Rule and Proclamation. While we have been assured by the Service that a take will be allowed for eyass Peregrine Falcons during 2007, a formal notification to that end has yet to be released. As a result, application requests received earlier by UDWR for take of eyass Peregrines were declined. The Service statute takes precedent over the Utah Rule.

In anticipation of formal notification from the Service allowing a take of eyass Peregrines for Falconry in 2007, the UDWR application period will be reopened for a limited time. We are hopeful to receive formal notification from the Service prior to initiation of the 2007 take season (May 5). In the event formal notification is not received prior to that date however, an abbreviated take season for 2007 may result. Appropriate dates are as follows:

Extended Application Period: April 16, 2007 (8 AM) thru  
April 27, 2007 (5 PM)  
Draw (If necessary): May 2, 2007  
Notifications Mailed Out: May 2, 2007

Current dates for the 2007 take season are May 5, May 12, and May 14 thru June 30. Additional information is available on the UDWR web site at [http://wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations/2007\\_falconry/](http://wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations/2007_falconry/). Should you have questions, please contact Anita Candelaria (801) 538-4785 or Celia Bunnell (801) 538-4784.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Parrish".

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